

Statement of Considerations

REQUEST BY 3M FOR AN ADVANCE WAIVER OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN RIGHTS IN SUBJECT INVENTIONS MADE IN THE COURSE OF OR SUBCONTRACT NO. 4500011817 UNDER DOE PRIME CONTRACT NO. DE-AC05-00OR22725; DOE WAIVER DOCKET W(A)-00-012 [ORO-752]

Petitioner, 3M, has made a timely request for an advance waiver to worldwide rights in Subject Inventions made in the course of or under Subcontract No. 4500011817 under DOE Prime Contract DE-AC05-00OR22725 with UT-Battelle, LLC. The scope of this work is to produce long (10-100 meter) High Temperature Superconductive (HTS) tapes. HTS tapes will be produced under varying conditions, tested and analyzed. A selection will be made between the ion beam-assisted deposition (IBAD) and rolling assisted, biaxially-textured substrate (RABiTs) technologies and between the two types of electron beam co-evaporation (EBCE) techniques. This work is sponsored by the Office of Hydrogen and Superconductivity Technologies.

The anticipated total dollar amount of the four phase subcontract is \$7.1M of which 3M will be cost-sharing 50%. Phase I is completed and Phase II is underway with total funding for both phases totaling \$3,519,795. Phase III is for \$2,461,136 and Phase IV is for \$1,182,020. A subject invention has been reported under Phase I and thus, this waiver is intended to cover Phase I and the remaining phases of the project so long as the purpose, cost, or scope of the subcontracted effort is not substantially altered.

Petitioner's experience and expertise will contribute substantially to commercialization of the inventions made under the agreement. Petitioner is a recognized leader in coated conductor technology. Petitioner began its HTS coated conductor development activities in early 1996 and has been an integral party in the development of HTS materials under CRADAs and subcontracts with Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Petitioner owns equipment for coated conductors that has been used to successfully fabricate short lengths of coated conductor textured substrates.

Petitioner has a substantial financial investment directly related to the work to be performed under this agreement. In the development of HTS materials, Petitioner has made multi-million dollar investments in capital equipment and research and development of HTS materials. As part of Petitioner's HTS pilot line effort, Petitioner plans to invest in excess of \$2 million in facilities and equipment, part of which is used directly in the development of HTS materials and the performance of this subcontract.

Petitioner has agreed to the standard DOE waiver terms and conditions, including march-in rights, background patent provisions, retention of by the government of a license, preference for U.S. industry and U.S. Competitiveness clauses. Modifications to the standard provisions, including deletion of the background data provisions, are underlined in the Patent Rights - Waiver Clause attachment and have been discussed with and approved by the cognizant DOE Program.


Petitioner has agreed that any products embodying any waived invention or produced through the use of any waived invention will be manufactured substantially in the United States, unless the Petitioner can show to the satisfaction of DOE that it is not commercially feasible to do so. In the event that the waived invention is not substantially manufactured in the United States and DOE agrees to foreign manufacture, there will be a requirement that the Government's support of the technology be recognized in some appropriate manner, e.g., recoupment of the

Government's investment, etc. The Petitioner has further agreed to make the above condition binding on any assignee or licensee or any entity otherwise acquiring rights to any waived invention, including subsequent assignees or licensees. Should the Petitioner or other such entity receiving rights in any waived invention undergo a change in ownership amounting to a controlling interest, then the waiver, assignment, license, or other transfer of rights in the waived invention is suspended until approved in writing by DOE.

Granting of the waiver should have little effect on competition since there are several competing technology options in the field of superconductive products for generation, transfer, transmission and storage of electrical power.

Grant of the requested waiver should serve as encouragement to other DOE contractors and subcontractors that significant cost sharing will be recognized as an acceptable consideration for granting greater rights in Subject Inventions.


In view of the substantial level of cost sharing by Petitioner and the objectives and considerations set forth in 10 CFR 784.4, all of which have been considered, it is recommended that the requested waiver for worldwide rights be granted.


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Based on the foregoing Statement of Considerations and the representations in the attached Waiver Petition, it is determined that the interests of the United States and the general public will best be served by a waiver of U.S. and foreign patent rights, and therefore, the waiver is granted. This waiver shall not apply to a modification or extension of the cost-shared subcontract where, through such a modification or extension, the purpose, scope or cost of the subcontract has been substantially altered.

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